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RURAL HEALTH SCHEMES IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of developmental works undertaken under the rural health schemes in the State of Tamil Nadu and the benefits derived from them so far;

(b) whether some of the schemes have not been successful in the State;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken for the successful implementation of the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) : The National Rural Health Mission [NRHM] has been launched all over the country including Tamilnadu with the objective of providing accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable primary health care facility especially, to the poor and vulnerable section of the population. It further aims to provide overarching umbrella to the existing programmes of Health & FW including RCH II across the country including Tamilnadu State. The other National Disease Control programmes include Malaria, Blindness, Iodine deficiency, Filaria, Kala Azar, Tuberculosis, Leprosy and Integrated Disease Surveillance. The preventive and curative health care is being provided through a three tier network of 8683 Sub Centres, 1181 Primary Health Centres and 236 Community Health Centres in Tamilnadu. The funds are released to States/UTs Government for upgradation/establishment of new SCs, PHCs and CHCs. The States/UTs Governments are however required to incorporate their funds requirement under their annual NRHM Programme Implementation Plans.

Tamilnadu is one of the Non High Focus States under NRHM. During the Financial Year 2007-08 an amount of Rs. 78.46 Crores has been released under RCH Flexi pool and Rs. 110.11 Crores has been released under Mission Flexi pool upto December, 2007. The performance of the programme was reviewed by Minister Health & Family Welfare in Chennai on Ist March, 2008, and the progress was satisfactory.